

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-8. Previously canceled.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method of sealing a hard shell capsule, wherein the capsule is made of a pharmaceutically acceptable material having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined, the method comprising the steps of:

_____ using a sealing clamp to clamp and hold the capsule in a precise and upright position, wherein the sealing clamp has at least two parts;

_____ [[to]] injecting a quantity of sealing fluid in the overlap of the joined body parts; and

_____ [[to]] releas[[e]]ing the capsule.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein an excess of sealing fluid is removed from the outside of the capsule.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the excess of sealing fluid is removed from the sealing clamp holding the capsule in the upright position.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein an excess of sealing fluid is removed from the sealing clamp holding the capsule in the upright position.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) An apparatus for sealing a hard shell capsule having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined, the apparatus comprising: a sealing clamp to clamp and hold the capsule in an upright position; and means to inject a sealing fluid in the overlap of the body parts, ~~wherein the capsule is made of a pharmaceutically acceptable material~~.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means to inject the sealing fluid are injection ports in the sealing clamp.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sealing clamp comprises liquid recovery grooves.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sealing clamp comprises an airing and a suction port.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sealing clamp has a liquid injection groove.